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Sir:

Further to applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in a search report dated May 9, 2001 from German priority application 100 39 915.0, and a search report dated May 21, 2001 from German priority application 100 39 916.9, copies enclosed. Of the non-English language references cited in the May 9, 2001 search report from German priority application 100 39 915.0, DE 197 08 894 A1, and in particular the Abstract, Figures 1 and 4, columns 1,2 and 4, and claims 1, 2 and 11, was cited as Category Y (Publication which when considered in combination with other publications places the finding of inventive activity (by search

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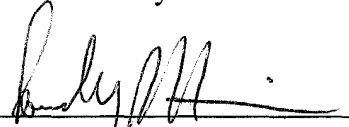
pursuant to §43 of the Patent Laws) or an inventive step (by search pursuant to § 7 GebrMG) in question) with respect to claims 1 and 2. DE 44 39 233 A1, and in particular Figures 3 and 4, column 6, and claim 14, was cited as Category Y with respect to claims 2, 5 and 8. DE 35 2 932 A1, and in particular columns 3, 5 and 6, was cited as category Y with respect to claim 3.

Of the non-English language references cited in the May 21, 2001 search report from German priority application 100 39 916.9, DE 198 42 384 A1, and in particular the Abstract, Figure 1, columns 1-3 and claim 1, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 1. DE 197 08 894 A1, and in particular the Abstract, Figure 4, columns 1, 2 and 4, and claims 1, 2 and 11, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 1. DE 44 39 233 A1, and in particular the Abstract, Figures 3 and 4, columns 5 and 6, and claim 14, was cited as Category Y with respect to claims 1 and 4.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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